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Once Again we need ARTICLES!...(HELP!!!)

Thanks to Wally Stone for his great input of great articles...

Come join in the fun...Our Next meeting is on Saturday 2 August at the ANA Convention...11 am

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ANA Convention – Baltimore Convention Center Saturday August 2, 2003 11:00 am, Room 304

Swap Meet September 13, 2003 Grace United Methodist Church

Also:

October 4 – Eastern States Coin Show, Balt. Convention Center
December 6 – Suburban Balt./Wash Coin Show
BANC SHOW-Sunday October 19

PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Have you all dried out yet? Boy has it been a VERY wet winter and spring in the Maryland Token and Medal Society area. The reservoirs should be full and unfortunately, the mosquitos will be plentiful! On to our hobby interests. The next MD TAMS meeting is at the ANA Convention - Saturday 2 August at 1100. We will have our annual Swap Meet on September 13 at the Grace United Methodist Church. The subsequent business meeting will be Saturday 4 October during the Eastern States Coin Show at the Baltimore Convention Center. The last MD TAMS meeting for 2003 will be at the Suburbam Balt/Wash Coin Show on December 06. Please do not forget the MSNA Annual Coin Show 26-28 July just prior to the ANA but remember we will not have a meeting at this show. The last BANC Coin Show of 2003 is scheduled for Sunday 19 October. Please try to attend as many of these events as you can.

It is very important for all members to try to attend the Annual meeting at the ANA. We will try to keep the business part of the meeting short; however, we have elections and literary awards to present at a minimum. I think all the members in attendance will be pleasantly surprised - - we will have several giveaway items for those that come to the meeting and we will have available for sale the latest MD TAMS reference on Maryland Play Money by Jane Sears. I want to thank Jane for her very long and hard work to develop this very interesting and I think you will find also very enjoyable reference. I think you will be surprised by some of the Maryland Play/Funny Money. Who knows, you may add a new aspect to your collecting interests. Thanks again Jane. Speaking of MD TAMS references, we need more members to work to document more areas of interest. How about giving it a try.

I also want to acknowledge several of our members who had major health complications and hopefully are well along the road to recovery or back to playing condition: Richard Kaminski, Millard Hajek, Bob Ruby Tom Kotche and Jim Boswell. Remember, like any organization, the Maryland Token & Medal Society's most important asset is its members.

As the national spotlight once again shines on Baltimore during the ANA, please take that extra time to be a good ambassador for both MD TAMS and the hobby. Both national TAMS and ANA are having banquets. There will be many venues for both education and exhibits. ANA will have a Numismatic Theater and one of our members, Russ Sears is speaking on Maryland as it is reflected in paper items. Several of our members are submitting exhibits. Let folks know you are a MD TAMS member and proud of it. Help out where you can and try to help those visiting Baltimore for the first time - - Share your knowledge and yourself. Make MD TAMS an exemplary Host Club for ANA 2003 in Charm City. We want Baltimore to be a city ANA revisits regularly.It has been 10 years since ANA was here. Who knows how long it will be before we see the national convention again.

Ed Craig
President, MD TAMS

MD TAMSers Shine at the ANA Numismatic Theatre...From Your Editor...Will Mumford

Every day at this years ANA Convention a MD TAMS member will be taking the podium at the Numismatic Theatre. How great it is to share the knowledge of your hobby. Along with such numismatic notables as: Dr. John Amato, Tom Sebring, John & Nancy Wilson, P. Scott Rubin, Alan Herbert, Q. David Bowers, David M. Sundman, John Eshbach, Dr. Sol Taylor, Scott A. Travers, Arthur M. Fitts III and others will be our own Greg Ruby, Bill Stratemeyer, John Kraljevick, Jr., Russ Sears and myself (Will Mumford)....I am delighted to see so many of our own joining the great names of numismatics to share a bit of their own specialties. I hope all of you try to make a special effort to attend these presentations and help support your fellow MD TAMSers... The schedule is given below so you'll have no excuse for not knowing when or where...

MD TAMSers at the ANA NUMISMATIC THEATRE:

Wed. July 30 – 2pm – Greg Ruby "The Medallic Art of Baltimore Sculptors Hans Schuler & Hans C. Schuler."

Thurs. July 31 – 1 pm – William J. Stratemeyer "The Panic and Depression of 1837-41: Baltimore's Shinplaster Bank."

Fri. August 1 – 3 pm – John J. Kraljevich, Jr. "A Numismatic Look at Colonial Annapolis."

Sat. August 2 – 2 pm – Russ Sears "A Touch of Baltimore History as Told by Paper Artifacts."

Sun. August 3 – Will Mumford "Barter, Bits, Bills and Tobacco: the Story of Money in Early Maryland."

MD TAMS Meeting: March 15, 2003 – Minutes:

1-Meeting called to order by President Craig at 11:07am with 23 members and 1 guest in attendance (attendance sheet is attached).
2-Minutes of the last meeting (01-25-03) read by Secretary Boswell. Minutes adopted as read.
3-Treasurer's Report:Read by Treasurer Ruby. Said report to stand unless/until audited.
4-Committee Reports:
a-Journal-W.Mumford (Editor) said next Journal should be out by next week and he encouraged everyone to write at least one article.
b-Elongated Quarters:M. Hajek noted that he had some of the latest of these (2002) with him and that they were still $4 for each "set".
c-ANA-(1)Secretary Boswell said we were still waiting for written confirmation of our desired time, etc. for our meeting at the Convention and (2)President Craig said a medal for the Convention was being worked on
d-References-(a)M. Hajek is still working on the Amusement Tokens reference and (b)J. Sears is working on a reference on MD Play Money.
5-Old Business:
a-President Craig on the last BANC Show which was held on Saturday 02-01-03,
b-President Craig thanked R. Ruby for making the arrangements for our 01-25-03 meeting at the Carroll County Historical Society in Westminster, MD and
c-M. Hajek on pictures taken at the CCHS meeting.
6-New Business:
a-President Craig said that a copy of our MD Token book would be raffled off (proceeds ($25) went into our treasury). Book won by President Craig.
NOTE:W. Stratemeyer sold a copy of the MD Token book on the bourse floor today (proceeds ($45) also went into our treasury.
b-President Craig asked for volunteers to serve on committees but, only J.Boswell & T.Kotche responded for the Literary Awards Committee and W. Stone was the only one who responded for the Nominating Comm..
7-Announcements:
a-W.Ayres-W. Lenz was at home recuperating from surgery (a get well card was sent).
b-E. Craig-Next BANC Show on 06-01-03.
c-E. Craig-J. Sears had donated some "funny money" (available for free).
d-M. Hajek-A program on canneries of Harford County will be held in Westminster, MD on 04-08-03 (see the next Journal for details).
e-E. Craig-Three MD TAMS members had submitted designs for the (National) TAMS medal they have available each year.
f-W. Stratemeyer-Needs help for registration at this year's ANA convention.
g-W.Ayres-MSNA needs help for this year's Show (he also spoke about recognition of workers).
h-K.Keller-he has some 2002 Bonnie Blink tokens available for sale for $4 each.
i-W.Stratemeyer-Bethelhem Steel memorabilia will be even harder to find in the future because it has closed.
j-R.Ruby-Dues are due!!

Minuetes of today's MD TAMS meeting (continued):

7-k-R.Sears-If wanted, he will be glad to give a talk on Baltimore history at this year's ANA/MSNA Show(s)/ Convention(s).
l-W. Stratemeyer-He will be giving a talk on obsolete currency at this year's ANA Convention.
m-W.Mumford-He may give a talk on the subjects of his last book ("Barter, Bits, Bills and Tobacco) at the ANA Convention.
8-Show & Tell:
a-R.Ruby-First Day Covers for the Manchester Day Station which he had available for 25¢ each.
b-B.Bodt-Token issued by the W & H Fish & Game Co., Perryville, MD (1889-1919) which was "run" by W.H. Cole, Jr.
9-Break taken so members could view the auction lots, etc.. After the break, auction was held (auctioneer was R.Sears who was assisted by E.Craig (tabulators were J.Boswell & R.Ruby)) which resulted in $26.70 (commission) being added to our treasury.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

Maryland Mavericks (MMs) Latest Additions:

MM#	DESCRIPTION	Submitted By
539	A.G.V.//same 24 A R	LM#21
540	B.B.S.G./10//blank 24 B R	LM#21
541	J.G.K./5//blank 24 B R	LM#21
542	C.E. BOSTON//GOOD FOR/5¢/IN TRADE 25 B R	LM#21
543	DYER//GOOD FOR/10¢/IN TRADE 23 Z R	LM#21
544	PETER/ERNST,//GOOD FOR/ONE/PINT MILK 22 A R	LM#21

A Reminder:

For listings in Maryland Mavericks please send to James Boswell a complete description of each item you want listed. Do Not send the token! And if you want a personal reply, you must send a large (#10) SASE when you send a list of the tokens you want listed. Thanks!

THE GRAND BALTIMORE ORIOLE FESTIVAL OF 1882

BY W. Wallace Stone. R- 47

Continuing my search for information on attributed Maryland tokens and medals which seem to have no data provided for other than a catalog listing number, has brought to the foreground the, "Baltimore Oriole Celebration" medal. This is catalogued by Russell Rulau in his book, "United States Trade Tokens, 1866 -1889" This has the number of, Rulau- Md-Ba 6 C and is White metal 32.5 mm in size with a plain edge. The obverse has a statue atop a memorial, while the reverse shows an Oriole flying left in the center with Baltimore Oriole Celebration above and Sep. 12,13,14, 1882 below. No further data is included.

Another trip to the Maryland Law Library located in Annapolis proved to be a quick and rewarding venture. A copy of the Baltimore Sun newspaper of September 12th and 13th, 1882 provided a wealth of detailed facts regarding the schedule and events of the celebration. The Oriole Festival was held to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the defense of Baltimore by the invading British in the year 1814.

Four features illustrated the celebration, these were. A grand procession, the dedication of a monument in honor of the commandant of Fort Mc Henry during its bombardment, a reunion of the "Old Defenders of Baltimore", and a competitive drill of military companies at Druid Hill Park.

The grand procession formed on Broadway and adjacent streets and was put in motion at 1: 25 P.M., the event being heralded by a large bell on wheels weighing 2,600 pounds, moving in advance of the parade. The time required for the entire group to pass a given point was recorded at 45 minutes.

The monument that was dedicated to Col. George Armistead, who commanded at Fort Mc Henry during the bombardment by the British fleet, was scheduled for 12:00 noon, with a military escort and visiting citizens. This took place at Eutaw Place between Wilson St. and Laurens St. The musical part of the exercise consisted of the "Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic hymns by a choir of two hundred voices from the Oratorio Society. There was also a 25 piece band which rendered the "Armistead March" composed for the occasion by James M. Deems.

The members of the "Association of Old Defenders", who celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of North Point to be held at the Druid Hill Park, were transported by carriages from the front of the City Hall at 10:30 A.M. via the Battle Monument to the park.

The competitive drill consisted of three military divisions as well as Baltimore County and City fire Brigades, the City Police department was represented by six companies in dress uniforms. These events were held as well at Druid Hill Park. The judges at the conclusion of the affair were to be driven from the park to the Carrollton Hotel, where the decision was to be made known before 8:00.P.M. that evening, as to award winners.

The final event of the celebration was a gigantic water carnival, consisting of a fleet of 40 tugboats arranged in a parade line of two boats abreast each lavishly decorated by its captain and crew. No part of the Oriole program was so eagerly looked forward to as the final event. The harbor committee had invited all nations to attend, some who responded and were tied up in the inner harbor and the Canton section of downtown included, England, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Austria, and even the republic of Haiti.

It was reported at the time,"the population and out of town visitors whether on the streets or in windows of houses and offices near the events, were filled with excitement and patriotism". It is interesting to note that the Committee on Uniformed Societies present in the festival boasted as their leader Mr. Thomas J. Shryock . Shryock would have leading rolls in the Baltimore Masonic Fair of 1890, and the large Maryland Exposition of 1889.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE CELEBRATION
Baltimore, Md.

THE ORIOLE.

WINDOWS FOR RENT FOR THE ORIOLE, at 83 NORTH EUTAW STREET. s11-12t

WINDOWS FOR RENT AT 16 NORTH EUTAW STREET. s11-2t*

WINDOWS FOR RENT; also LODGING ROOMS; procession passes each day. 205 NORTH HOWARD STREET. 1t*

WANTED TO RENT—For Thursday night, a BALCONY, or ROOM with large windows, on route of Mystic Pageant. Address with location and price, A. E., Box 28, Sun office. s11-3t

WANTED TO RENT—For TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, a ROOM, with windows commanding view of Parades for those days. N. D., Box 42, Sun office. s11-2t

WANTED TO RENT—Two WINDOWS, for Thursday night, to view Oriole; Madison avenue, above Townsend st., preferred. Address, giving location and price, S. W., 34 South Calvert st. s11-2t*

VERY DESIRABLE WINDOWS TO RENT, NORTHWEST CORNER MONUMENT AND CALVERT STS., for THURSDAY NIGHT. s11-3t*

FOR RENT FOR THE ORIOLE—Two ROOMS, two Windows in each Room, with chairs. Apply at No 196 NORTH EUTAW STREET, near Madison street. s11-2t*

FOR SALE—Large lot of CHINESE LANTERNS, at half price; also fine lot of PAMPUS PLUMES, for decorating horses in procession.
WEBER'S, 80 Lexington street.
1t* 16 North Charles st.

ORIOLE PAPER MATS, ORIOLE PAPER MATS, ORIOLE 11-2" PAPER MATS.

THE PRETTIEST NOVELTY OUT, AT SCHUCKING'S, 96 Lexington street, one door from Liberty.

A small selection of the Baltimore Sun's classified ad section from the Sept. 10th edition.

FLAGS TO HIRE.
NATIONAL
AND FOREIGN FLAGS
AND STREAMERS
TO HIRE.
J. W. LOANE,
124 West Pratt street,
s11-2t near South.

ORIOLE! ORIOLE! ORIOLE!
PREPARE FOR THE RUSH OF VISITORS!
Buy your FEATHERS, MATTRESSES and BEDDING of JNO. C. WEEMS & BRO., No. **112** North Howard street, who are offering great bargains from their large and select stock of Hair, Moss, Fiber and Husk MATTRESSES; Steam-Dressed FEATHERS, the best in the market; WIRE and SPRING BEDS, BLANKETS, QUILTS and COMFORTS, Wood and Canvas COTS, all at greatly reduced prices. JOHN C. WEEMS & BRO.,
s9-6tr* **112** North Howard street.

DECORATIONS
FOR THE ORIOLE.
BUILDINGS, STORES, STANDS, ETC., DECORATED with taste, by skilled workmen.

Leave orders as early as possible with
G. W. HYDE,
s7-4tr* **234** West Baltimore street.

FOR RENT—For Oriole, FRONT AND BAY WINDOWS, Madison avenue. Address "CHARITY" Sun office. s9-2t*

WINDOWS FOR RENT DURING ORIOLE, **91** WEST BALTIMORE STREET. Full view of City Hall. s9-2t*

WANTED—One or more WINDOWS (Room preferred) on route of procession of Thursday night, September 14. Address, stating price, WINDOW, Sun office. s8-3t*

ORIOLE PROGRAMME—Given away free to everybody at TRACEY'S EXCELSIOR SHIRT AND DRAWERS FACTORY, **151** East Baltimore street and **58** North Eutaw street. s9-4t*

FLAGS FOR THE ORIOLE.
CHEAP ORIOLE FLAGS.
CHEAP FLAG STICKS, 42 and 60 inches.
CHEAP FLAG POLES, 7 and 8 feet.
AT J. W. LOANE'S,
124 West Pratt street,
s5-10t near South street.

Mr. J.W. Loane felt it necessary to place two ad's in the same edition for his flags. His ad appeared on Sept.11th 1882.

Two Baltimore Coin Club Medals Come Home

By Bob Ruby - LM 7

It all started back in January when MSNA President, Tom Palmer received an e-mail and forwarded to all MSNA Board members with e-mail. Mr. Richard Oakes, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado (a suburb of Denver) originated it. After some e-mail discussion, as a member of the Baltimore Coin Club, I decided to make Mr. Oakes an offer for the medals, he accepted and I received them a few days later.

The medals are made of some type of a bronze cast and they look like the medals that we know that were made by John Cook of Annapolis in the early forties. The medals are 6 cm in diameter and 1 cm thick. The obverse displays a bust (facing left) of Cecil Calvert in the center with the words BALTIMORE COIN CLUB around the top and CECIL CALVERT around the bottom. The reverse depicts two birds tugging on a worm in the center (similar to the Chalmer's Shilling) and a snake in the grass above them. Around the top is SIXTH ANNIVERSARY and dated MARCH 20, 1941 around the bottom. Each medal weighs 3 oz.

From the information that Mr. Oakes sent me, I discovered that the medals belonged to his grandfather WALTER FOSTER OAKES. The bio that I have on the elder Mr. Oakes states that he was born in Niantic Ill on 23 March, 1890, died on 20 February 1960 in Washington DC and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was the father of five children, four boys and one girl (stillborn). Over the years, he was a salesperson for the United Drug Company of Tulsa, OK; a salesman for the United Tobacco Company and took a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) correspondence course.

During WW I, Walter was in the Army cavalry and served in Mexico with the rank of sergeant. During this time, he took tutoring for high school and college concurrently and graduated Alpha Zeta in three years. Walter also went to college at the Colorado Agricultural College (now Colorado State College) in Fort Collins. He also worked as an assistant supervisor in the Forest Service in Durango, Colorado and a Forest Ranger of the San Isabel National Forest, also in Colorado. As a Forest Service CPA in La Veta Colorado, he revamped the service's accounting practices by establishing a cross-footing system and submitted to headquarters in Washington, DC. Through the mechanizing process of the accounting system for the Forest Service, he became Chief of the Department of Finance and Accounts. He was transferred to DC in 1930 and took up residency in Lyon Park, Maryland.

During WW II, Walter was called to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to be on President Roosevelt's five man budgeting committee. He achieved the position of Assistant Comptroller of the FDIC. He was with the FDIC for a period of 28 years when he retired.

Richard believes that his grandfather was a member of the Baltimore Coin Club during the 1940's. I have spoken to some of the older members (low membership number, not age) and none of them can recall a Mr. Walter Foster Oakes.

THE GRAND BALTIMORE MASONIC FAIR OF 1890.

By W. Wallace Stone R-47

The following is a quote from the Baltimore Sun newspaper edition of Wednesday October 8, 1890. The fair had its opening day festivities one day prior.

"With the first sound of the ringing notes of the Great Southern Band outside the Fifth Regiment Armory last night heralding the approach of the grand master of the Maryland Masons and his escort , the wide doors were thrown apart for their entrance, and the largest fair ever held in Baltimore was formally opened. The grand master, General Thomas J. Shryock, was accompanied by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, with Maryland Commandery, No 1, Knights Templar, John B. Kurtz, commander, as escort. The members of the Grand Lodge were all in evening dress, and the Knights Templar wore full uniform. The imposing procession marched through the main hall, which so often before has echoed to the tread of Baltimore's soldier boys, and, forming in front of the booth representing the Eiffel tower, a Masonic drill was performed. After this Past Grand Master Carter ascended the tower and introduced with a few remarks Grand Master Shryock, who was greeted with hearty applause by the immense crowd under him , which already numbered several thousand and completely covered the floor of the auditorium. After greeting the guests and visitors , General Shryock gave a very short speech.

The officers and aids broke ranks at the conclusion of the speech, and all present entered heartily into the enjoyment of the evening amidst the beauty and brilliancy of the surroundings. The occasion seemed more like a big reception than a fair.

The scene that greeted the eyes of the Masonic fraternity of Maryland and their worthy escort was indeed so dazzling in the brilliant coloring, in its life and motion that even their vivid fancy, accustomed long to the mystic rites and symbolic splendor of Masonry, paled before the reality. It may be safely said that no one in all the vast throng that filled the building was prepared for the magnitude of the arrangements, notwithstanding the constant reminders of what the fair would be in the smaller entertainments that have followed in quick succession during the past year and a- half, sounding the notes of preparation for the great event of all. The army of workers, the ladies and the little folks, who have labored so earnestly for the cause, could hardly realize themselves that the long looked for day had come at last , and not until the hour of formal opening did they give up putting the last

finishing touches to their fairy- like domains and settle down to the regular business of the fair , a little fatigued, perhaps, but justly proud and happy in the consciousness of a duty well done. Every hue in the rainbow is represented in the decorations of the main hall, but the combination does not offend by its variety. The glowing mass forms a kaleidoscope in which each fluttering bit of bunting , each smiling face and the gay ribbon contributes to make the whole a feast for the eyes. It is well that all the gorgeousness is not thrust upon the vision at one glance, for the beauty of the main hall serves to render more attractive and inviting the rich and precious treasures that lie hid beyond, of which faint glimpses can be caught revealing fairy grottos and gardens of plants and flowers. There is a fund of historical instruction that the school children could obtain in an attractive form by a careful study of the booths, if they would only look on it in that light."

Whew.....this a sample of Victorian journalism from a major city daily newspaper reporting, how different than today.

A token was issued honoring General Thomas J. Shryock as Grand Master of the fair and measures 25mm with a plain edge and is of brass composition. A 3/4 profile bust facing left of the General is centered in the obverse. In small lettering just inside the rim is the legend, stating. "Grand Master Gen. T. J. Shryock". The reverse legend is in similar style and placement states,"Grand Masonic Fair Oct. 7th to 31st 1890. Baltimore, Md." In the center in large somewhat fancy style is "Baby Day" . The particular token in my collection has a terminal die state crack running from the 6:00 area to 12:00, with a branch crack of equal size from the center to left and terminates at the 9:50 area. Judging from the location and size of the die crack it is probably safe to assume that not many tokens were struck after this.

A closing story from the Baltimore Sun was not to be found, however a lengthy story half way through the fair's schedule was found that reported "for nearly every booth in the Armory had one of the seductive wheels, and its gentle whirring was heard throughout the evening, buzzing in between the notes of the music, between animated conversations. Bright little girls accosted good natured old gentlemen and pleadingly besought them to take a paddle for a baby doll." Perhaps this was the clue to the "Baby Day" on the tokens reverse. The fair closed on October 31,1890 after a successful three week's run with many local Lodges such as Mount Vernon and Ben Franklin hosting their own nights of theatrical presentations. It was stated, at this time, this was the largest fair in Baltimore's history.

The fifth Regiment Armory mentioned in the Baltimore Sun's account of the fair opening is not the armory that we have today in Baltimore. The earlier armory was housed in the newly constructed Richmond Market in 1873. The location was on Biddle Street and Richmond Street near the junction with Howard Street. The market was purchased by the National Guard in 1871 and plans for renovation started thereafter with a completion date of February 1873.

Obverse rubbing of the Masonic Fair token.

Reverse, showing terminal die cracks.

THE RICHMOND MARKET ARMORY.

The 5th Regiment Armory prior to 1900
was located on Biddle St. & Richmond St.

Have You Tried eBay?

By Will Mumford...willmum

Do a search on Ebay.com for "token" in the category of "coins" and I got 2,805 listings! And if you limit your search to "Md. Tokens" I got 167 listings...WOW! That's better than one of MD TAMS auctions at our meetings. Take a look...I've printed out a few just to give you an idea of what's there. eBay is free, all you need to do is register and make up a tricky handle...mine is "willmum." You would never guess who I was from my handle! Anyway for me it's easy to remember.

You can sell your tokens on eBay as well. Best to have a scanner or a digital camera to capture the images. Take a look and see if there's anything that might capture your interests...I collect old Annapolis post cards and have found many of them. In the post card category there are always over 100,000 listings at any one time! That's a lot of post cards. Take a look at the following and then roll out your computer and punch in ebay.com and let the magic flow...warning...it can be addictive!

Balt.,MD: BBC, saloon billiard pictorial

US Engraving Company,

J.W.BEARD BILLIARDS AND BOWLING WEST. MD.

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1840s Randall Baltimore MD Hard Times Token

Item number: 3034306899

Hello, **willmum!**

Watch this item (track it in My eBay)

Current bid: **US $150.00** (Reserve met)

Place Bid >

Time left: **2 days 0 hours**
10-day listing
Ends Jul-16-03 19:15:00 PDT

History: 11 bids (US $9.99 starting bid)

High bidder: rickipet (360 ☆)

Location: Shenandoah Valley Of Virginia
United States

Shipping and payment details

Seller information

nemis (2877 ★) Power Seller

Feedback rating: 2877
Positive feedback: 100%
Registered May-29-98 in United States

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Description

1840s Randall Baltimore MD Hard Times Token. HT 147A Low 403. "Randall & Co Monument Square Balt./Mineral Water City Hotel". Rarity: R-5. 16.6 mm. German Silver. Condition: XF. Buyer to pay $1.00 shipping. Satisfaction guaranteed. Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax.

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willmum (357 ☆)

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